tified the workers eligible under the TWRF Scheme and the amount involved therein;

(c) if so, the number of such eligible workers and the amount to be paid to them under this scheme; and

(d) the reasons for which the payment has not been made so far and the steps taken to release the payment without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (d) below.

(d) The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs.

Revival plan for Sick Mills

142. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has finalised a new revival package for sick National Textile Corporation and NJMC mills recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of NTC mills are declared sick in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the action plan prepared or proposed by Government under the revival package scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) On account of the net worth erosion, 8 out of 9 subsidiaries of NTC have been referred to and declared sick by the BIFR. Government approved and placed before the BIFR a revised Turn Around Strategy involving modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs. 2005.72 crores, restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable units etc. The funds for modernisation have to be raised from sale of surplus lands and assets of NTC mills. The BIFR did not find the package viable in respect of four subsidiaries including NTC (Guj.) and issued show cause notices for winding up. The NTC (Guj.) Ltd. declared sick by the BIFR has under it 11 mills.

The revised Turn Around Strategy could not be implemented as sale of surplus land has not materialised due to reluctance of Govt. of Maharashtra to approve the sale of surplus land, particular because more than 80% of the sale proceeds will accrue from the Mumbai lands of NTC. Also the BIFR has not yet approved the package. In this background, the NTC has reviewed the unit-wise viability keeping in view the concessions agreed to by the Government in 1995 and the concept of net worth becoming positive. A revised turn around plan, 1997 on the basis of this report is under consideration of the Government. The salient features of this plan as and when finalised will be laid on the Table of the House.

As far as NJMC mills are concerned, Government are considering a revival package envisaging conversion of loan into equity, waiver of interest, fresh injection of funds, provisions of funds for VRS etc.

In respect of both NTC and NJMC, Government is extending budgetary support towards payment of salaries, wages and bonus.

हथकरघों के द्वारा कपड़ा-उत्पादन का विकास

143. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार द्वारा राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश और असम में हथकरघों के द्वारा वस्त्र उत्पादन के

विकास के लिये कार्यान्वित की गई या की जाने वाली विभिन्न योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० जालप्पा): राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश और असम में हथकरघों के द्वारा वस्त्र उत्पादन के विकास के लिये निम्नलिखित विकासात्मक योजनाऐं कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं:—

1. प्रोजेक्ट पैकेज योजना।
2. हथकरघा विकास केन्द्र/उत्कर्ष रंगाई इकाई।
3. कार्यशाला-सह-आवास योजना।

Measures for revival of sick textiles units

144. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken series of measures for revival of sick textile units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the package worked out and implemented during the last three years and results achieved thereunder with State-wise break-up and action-plan for the current year;

(c) the present status regarding implementation of revival/modernisation plan of sick textile units in Maharashtra; and

(d) whether a high level review of the action-plan implementation for sick textile units has been undertaken with workers' union recently and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) The Government has taken the following steps to revive sick textile mills:

(i) A Nodal Agency was set up in pursuance of the Textile Policy of June, 1985 to work out rehabilitation packages for weak but viable units.

(ii) Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme was created with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores to meet the modernisation requirement of the textile industry.

(iii) Government has set up Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to inquire into the working of sick industrial companies and to prepare and sanction, as appropriate, schemes for revival of mills.

During the last 3 years, there were 45 cases of textile units registered with BIFR. Out of these, BIFR has drawn up/recommended rehabilitation packages in respect of 14 cases as on 30.6.97. The state-wise details are as under:

State	No. of cases for which rehabilitation packages recommended/drawn up by BIFR during last 3 years (As on 30.6.97)
1. Maharashtra	4
2. New Delhi	1
3. Punjab	1
4. Rajasthan	1
5. Tamil Nadu	5
6. Karnataka	1
7. Gujarat	1
Total	14

(d) No, Sir.

Problems of Garment Exporters

145. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Garment Exporters are being blackmailed by US Garment Importers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the importers after opening the L/Cs, are not honouring and are asking for heavy dis-